

Divorce And Remarriage

Selected Scripture
"Hot Potato Issues", Part 2
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I) THE DIVORCE ISSUE: A VERY REAL CHALLENGE WE ALL FACE

- 1) A common-practice scenario:
- 2) A controversially potent subject:
- 3) A certain personal sensitivity:

II) ORIGINAL DESIGN: BEFORE THE FIRST THOUGHT OF DIVORCE

- 1) The original plan of God:
(Genesis 2:24)
- 2) The original desire of God:
(Matthew 19:3-8, Malachi 2:16a)
- 3) The marriage foundation's first crack:
(Genesis 3:6-13 & 5:1-3, Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Matthew 19:8a)

III) DIVINE CONCESSION: IS DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE ALLOWED?

- 1) Those who say divorce is not allowed: (they cite Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:11, Luke 16:18, Romans 7:3a)
- 2) Those who say divorce is allowed: (they answer the above passages and offer the following exceptions)
 - Exception #1) ___DEATH___ of the spouse (Romans 7:1-3):
 - Exception #2) ___REPEATED ADULTERY___ by the spouse (Matthew 19:9):
 - Exception #3) ___DESERTION___ by the spouse (1 Corinthians 7:12-15, esp. v.15):
 - Exception #4) ___CONVERSION___ by either spouse after divorce (2 Corinthians 5:17):

IV) FINAL REMINDERS ON DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE

- 1) Divorce should always be the ___UNAVOIDABLE OPTION___ because it is ___ONLY PERMITTED___ by God.
- 2) Remarriage can only be performed ___ON BIBLICAL GROUNDS___ not a desire to please people.
- 3) Divorce causes such great pain because it breaks God's original design, but ___GRACE IS AVAILABLE___.